

Remarks/Arguments

The restriction requirement mailed February 25, 2005 required clarification of a discrepancy noted in the sequence structure and length of SEQ ID NO: 11. The Examiner rightfully noted that Figure 5 (also referred to as SEQ ID NO: 11) disclosed a 1842 nucleotide sequence whereas the sequence listing disclosed a 2181 nucleotide sequence with an entirely different sequence structure for SEQ ID NO: 11. Applicants submit that there was an error in the previous sequence listing in that, the sequence rightly submitted as SEQ ID NO: 7 was erroneously further repeated as SEQ ID NO: 11. The correct sequence for SEQ ID NO: 11 should be that disclosed in Fig 5 of the instant specification. The new Sequence listing filed herewith in compliance with the sequence rules of 37 C.F.R. § 1.821-1.825 corrects this discrepancy. Support for this sequence listing amendment is found, as indicated by the Examiner, in Figure 5 of the instant application and thus, no new matter has been added due to this amendment.

Applicants further note that the apparent translational initiation site for clone DNA 40628 (SEQ ID NO:11) in the new sequence listing is indeed nucleotide positions 52-54.

Restriction/ Election

In view of the explanation above and the corrected Sequence Listing submitted herewith, it is apparent that SEQ ID NO: 11 is the cDNA sequence deposited under ATCC accession number 209432, and is also referred to as DNA 40628 and encodes the PRO 301 polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 1.

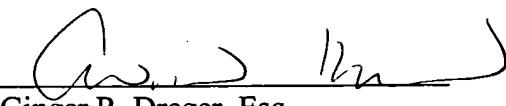
Applicants hereby elect to prosecute Group II, Claims 49-63, without traverse.

The present application is believed to be in *prima facie* condition for allowance, and an early action to that effect is respectfully solicited.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-1641 (Attorney Docket No.: 39780-1216R1C1D4).

Respectfully submitted,

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